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CPD MARKS THE PASSING OF A PIONEER

May 1, 2009 by JoLynne Lyon



Joan Forsgren-White (right) stands with CPD Associate Director Cyndi Rowland at the Center's 35th Anniversary Celebration in 2007.

The Center for Persons with Disabilities marks the passing of one of its original faculty members. Joan Forsgren-White passed away on April 15.

At the CPD's 35th Anniversary program she reflected on her time here. She was one of the first 12 people to staff what was then known as the Exceptional Child Center. She ran its materials center, which provided books and psychological tests to anyone who needed information on how to work with people with disabilities.

"We had many persons there studying, some on their bachelors, some on their masters and a few on their doctorates," she said. "It was a very exciting time for the CPD and I loved being a part of all that."

In addition to her work with the CPD, Forsgren was a faculty member in the Department of Special Education at Utah State University, where she worked for 30 years.